

Woodbury Chamber Committee Minutes

Jan. 29, 2020

Participants: Frank Collins, Chris Scibelli, Desiree Potvin, Kevin Abrams, Joe Gianzero, Juana Leandry, Maria Hunter, Heather Foley, Bill Grimes

Minutes

December Holiday Chamber Dinner replaced the December meeting. No minutes were taken.

Membership

Kevin reported we have 52 members to date.

Meeting was hosted by Christie's Sweet Creations in Central Valley.

Treasurer Report

Desiree reported since our last meeting in October 2019, we started with a balance of \$11,271.74 and ended with \$7,685.21 at the end of January 2020. We raised \$1,620 in dues and sponsorships for the Trunk or Treat and expensed out \$3,586.53 over the 3 months.

Events Update

- *Woodbury Day* - Maria has been asked to coordinate another Woodbury Day for the town and the Chamber will be sponsoring the event. The event dates discussed are Sat, Sept. 5th as the first choice and Sept. 12th as the alternate date. The MW school calendar showed school begins on Sept. 1st this year, so families are more likely to be local that holiday weekend. Maria will price out the cost for the Port-a-Potty, advertisement, entertainment and food to determine how much money will need to be raised for the event. She will be reaching out to the vendors used in previous years to get on their calendars. Maria made a request for volunteers to help with the planning and Desiree and Juana volunteered.
- Kevin suggested we organize a Spring/Summer Networking event for members and to recruit new members to the chamber. Members present shared their thoughts and mostly agreed it would be a good idea. More information to follow on this event.
- Murder Mystery scheduled for July 24th. More information will be shared at a future meeting date.

Old Business

- Efforts to bring back the *Farmers Market* this coming season has not been successful. Vendors have not committed to tabling and it doesn't look likely Woodbury will have a market this season. Joey asked members to consider participating at the Farmers Market and he will make another effort to make a personal appeal for vendors before making a final decision on the Farmers Market.
- *Website* - Desiree reported we are working with e-Diner to recreate our website. The cost for a new domain, web hosting and design is \$2,694.59 to date.
- *Chamber signage* update: Chris S. reported the signage law got adopted by the Village and now Gary is checking on some zoning issues before the structure can be replaced. Issue continues to be pending.

- Juana encouraged members to use the *IntroStar* platform to promote events, share news and conduct networking activities and asked Kevin to forward new member information to Jim Wagner for log-in credentials.

Announcements

- WCA is hosting their annual Heart Dance - February 15th from 7pm-12am at the Falkirk Country Club. Bill mentioned how proud the Woodbury Community Association is to announce over the last 15 years, the event has raised \$30k for the Heart Association. To date, they have 82 couples confirmed and are still accepting RSVP. Tickets are \$195 per couple for dinner and a full open bar.
- Woodbury Recreation Building is renting event space for a fee of \$125 to Woodbury residents plus insurance. There are tables and chairs for 100 people in a 40x40 sq ft space. Inquire at the Parks Dept for availability.
- John Burke Annual Breakfast for HS scholarships will be on Feb. 2nd at the Woodbury Rec Building. Cost: \$10. The committee needs more students interested in applying for the scholarships. Last year they only had a few submissions. The amounts raised determines the amounts of the awards, but at minimum, the scholarships may be able to cover cost of books for a semester and students should take advantage of this opportunity. Joey asked members to spread the word around the community and encourage HS seniors to apply. Applications can be requested at the Parks Dept.
- Woodbury Parks Dept is currently entertaining bringing back the Sleep Over @ the Rez. It's a day of fun activities hosted by the local police, fire and ambulance corp with a twist on the Double Dare game show. The day ends with a sleep over and breakfast the following morning. All families of Woodbury welcomed. Joey will confirm the possibility of such event and date.
- The Woodbury Chamber will meeting at the new Diner for all future meetings unless otherwise announced via email.

Closing of Meeting

(I had to leave a few minutes before end of meeting, who made motion to close?)